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「あなたが好きです！」夏休み突入直前、
勢いで流香に告白してしまった静。
互いに相手のことを意識する二人だが、
恋愛ベタな静は進展させられない。
そんなある日、琴乃に連れられて行った
遊園地で静は偶然、流香と再会して!?
温泉愛好会恋愛ストーリー第２巻!!

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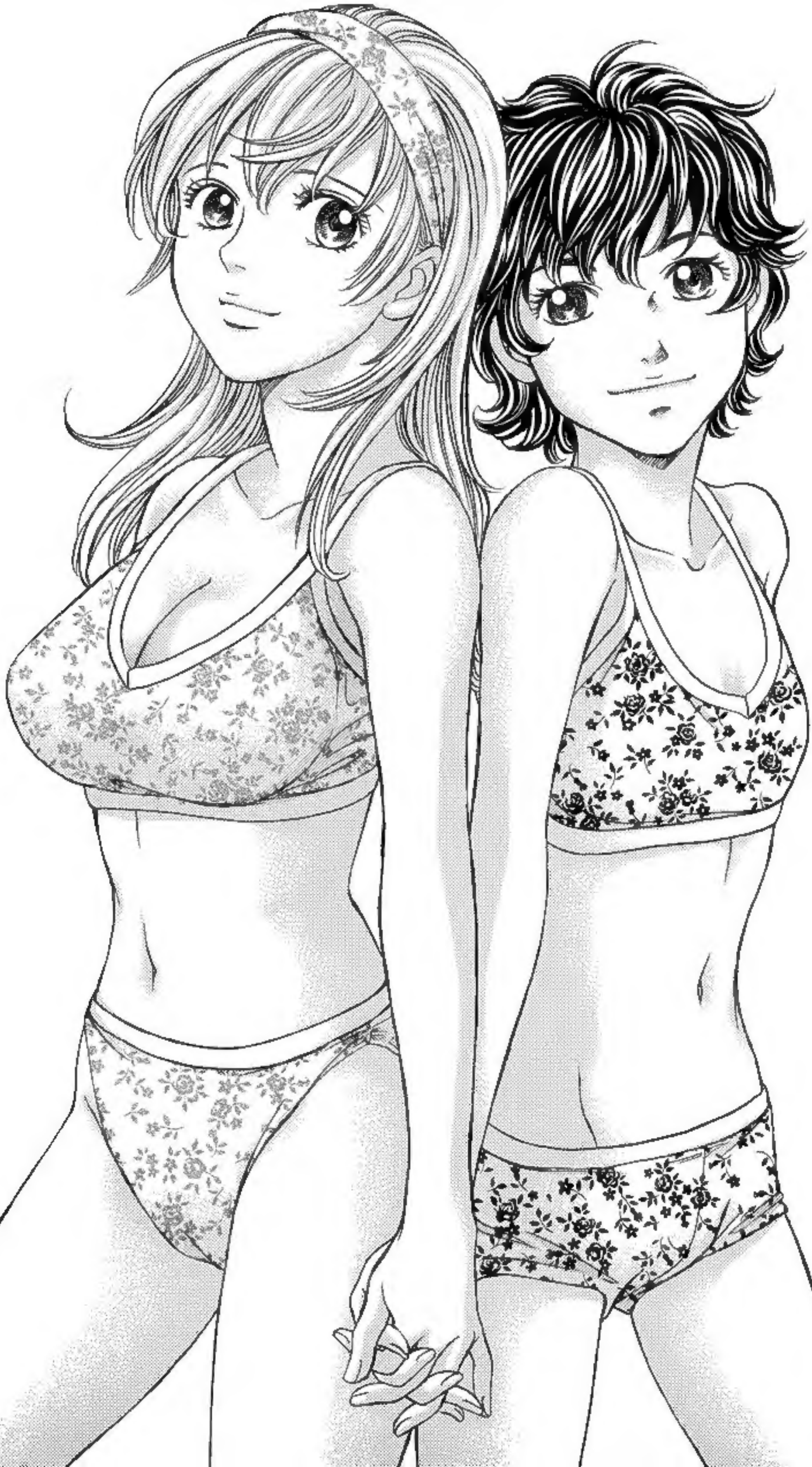

AH...

AAH!!

AHN!

MMN!!

AAHN!!

AAH!

AAHN!

OOOH!!

AAAH!

I'M ALMOST THERE...

HAAH!!

NO...

I-I'M.. CUMMING.

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I'M GONNA CUM...

AAAAHH!!

GIVE ME A BREAK!!

TREND COFFEE

YOU HEARD ME?

HUH?

NACHI...

COULD YOU BE QUIETER NEXT TIME?

I'M SO SORRY! I JUST GOT REALLY INTO IT.

YOU WOKE ME UP!

YOU COULD BE HEARD ALL THROUGH THE APARTMENT!!

I'M NOT THE TYPE TO BRING A GUY HOME IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT!

HOW SO?

BUT THIS TYPE OF THING HAPPENS TO US ALL THE TIME.

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I WON'T MIND WHEN YOU BRING GRANPA KOMA OVER, 'K?

にやり。

I'M TALKING IN THE FUTURE TENSE.

YEAH, YEAH.

AS LONG AS YOU'RE HERE AS WELL!

DOESN'T MATTER WHO MY PARTNER IS!

LIKE I SAID!

I DON'T DO THAT SORT OF THING!!

DO I HAVE TO GIVE HIM AN ANSWER...?

OF COURSE. HE DID CONFESS TO YOU.

SO?

HOW ARE YOU GOING TO REPLY TO HIM?

THEN LIKE USUAL GET TO THE GIST OF IT AND LET HIM KNOW YOU ARE NOT INTERESTED.

IF YOU DON'T FEEL THE SAME,

BUT YOU DON'T WANT TO DO THAT RIGHT?

BUT,

I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT I SHOULD SAY TO HIM...

SO THAT'S AN EASY "YES" OR "NO".

USUALLY,

I'M SIMPLY ASKED TO "GO ON DATE".

SAYING THAT AND LEAVING IT THERE I HAD NO WAY TO REPLY.

BUT BEING TOLD,

"I'M IN LOVE WITH YOU" IN THAT MANNER.

STOP SAYING HUGE TITS!

YOU'RE RIGHT YOU CAN'T TREAT HIM LIKE THE USUAL MEN WHO ONLY STARE AT YOUR HUGE TITS.

I THINK THAT PART OF YOU IS JUST TOO FAST.

PRETTY WEAK CONCLUSION FROM GRANPA KOMA!

YOU'VE BEEN NEGLECTED FOR 2 WEEKS. WHILE I'VE BEEN ALL LOVEY DOVEY WITH MY NEW BOYFRIEND.

THAT'S GOING TO TAKE A WHILE

ANYWAY

I'LL WAIT FOR HIM TO MAKE HIS NEXT MOVE.

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IT'S BEEN 2 WEEKS SINCE SUMMER VACATION STARTED...

Dear Ruka Shinohara,

Midsummer's greetings

They say that this heatwave will continue for a while.

How are you faring during this time?

WHEN WAS THE FIRST DAY OF FALL AGAIN?

HM? WE'RE ALREADY HAVING LINGERING HEAT?

DAMN,

THIS ALL SOUNDS LIKE AN OLD GEEZER

I'm writing to say,

That I've been working very hard every day. I've been feeling very fatigued.

I end up relaxing the whole time during my days off

If it's not too much trouble, may I inquire on how you are doing?

I WANT TO TALK DIRECTLY WITH HER THOUGH

AND YET I CAN'T FIND THE RIGHT WORDS TO USE

I'M JUST TRYING TO ASK HER CASUALLY HOW SHE IS DOING AND TELLING HER HOW I'M DOING

I'VE BEEN STUCK IN THIS SAME LOOP EVER SINCE I CONFESSED TO HER.

SHE'S PROBABLY STILL ANGRY ABOUT THE WHOLE THING SO I CAN'T DO THAT!

MY FEELINGS FOR HER ARE CRUSHING ME TO DEATH.

IT'S JUST LIKE A DAM BROKE.

WHILE I'M DROWNING IN THE MIDDLE OF THEM

RIGHT NOW TO HER,

I'M PROBABLY THE LAST PERSON ON EARTH SHE WOULD LIKE TO SEE.

BUT...

I WANT TO SEE HER.

I WANT TO HEAR HER VOICE.

I'M JUST AN ANNOYANCE OR A FREAK TO HER...

EVEN AFTER BEING CONFESSED TO,

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IF I SEND HER A TEXT, I'M SURE SHE'LL JUST IGNORE IT

HEY BRO, I'M HUNGRY MAKE ME SOMETHING!

I WANT TO SEE HER SMILE AGAIN.

MY PRIDE, AS HIS OLDER BROTHER, WILL NOT ALLOW ME TO ASK HIM FOR HELP.

IS SOUMEN OKAY?

WHAT IS IT?

HUH?

AT A TIME LIKE THIS,

I BET HE COULD FOLLOW THROUGH BUT

YEAH, YEAH.

I WANT SOBA! THE KIND WITH CHILI PEPPERS IN IT

...

...

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AH..!

HEY STOP TRYING TO LOOK!!

WHAT?

IS IT GRANPA KOMA!?

IL IL IL IL IL

WELL HIS PLACE DOESN'T HAVE A SHOWER.

WHY DON'T YOU GO TO YOUR BOYFRIEND'S PLACE AND GET "ALL INTO IT" THERE? HE LIVES ALONE R.GHT?

.....

.....

YEA?

HEY BRO.

HUH?

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

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BUT IT LOOKS LIKE SHE'S STILL INTERESTED, NO?

I THOUGHT EVERYTHING WITH RUKA-SAN WAS OVER AND DONE WITH.

ﾋｭｰﾝ!

SHE REPLIED TO THE TEXT I SENT RIGHT AWAY.

HELL ALL OF THEM SOUNDED TOO STIFF! SO I ARRANGED THEM A BIT.

YOU DIDN'T HAVE THE COURAGE TO SEND IT, RIGHT?

YOU WERE JUST PILING UP UNSENT TEXTS.

JEEZ! THAT'S GROSS MAN!!

W-WHY DID YOU!?

Re: Mourner's great nyc

Yes, it is for my study

Right now I'm on my way to work. I've been working for the most part since the middle of August.

I'm trying to save up for the Winter Mic coming season

SENT

M'tourner's great nyc

It's so hot every day right?

I'm so tired from working all the time

Today is my day off but I don't really have any plans so I'm not up to much

How are things at your end Rukawa?

I'm planning to go on a little trip with Nachi in September as well

What about you, grampa? Any travel plans?

"WHAT ABOUT YOU GRANPA?"

"ANY TRAVEL PLANS?"

YES ...

THANK YOU...

ALL THANKS TO ME, RIGHT?

BUT LISTEN MAN

A BIT OF ADVICE.

SHE ASKED ME A QUESTION.

OH? HOW HONEST OF HIM.

SO IT'S OK TO TEXT HER BACK

SHE'LL JUST THINK YOU'RE A FREAK IF YOU'RE WAY TOO POLITE.

JUST WRITE NORMALLY

EH?

IT'S NO GOOD TO USE SUCH STIFF, SUPER POLITE LANGUAGE WITH GIRLS, 'K?

Also don't talk about how hot the season is

OKAY!

RUKA-CHAN, AFTER YOU'RE DONE YOU CAN TAKE A BREAK.

Bakery and

DON'T LOOK!

ルルルルルル♪

Good luck with work today

Too bad but I have no travel plans. Since I have no money for it right now

I'm also working over the break to save up.

Nishizu
Have you ever been there?

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After I did all the work

I have been to the eastern part before.
Is this your first time there?

Where are you planning on going?

AND SO WE KEPT TEXTING EACH OTHER.

ASKING AND ANSWERING QUESTIONS.

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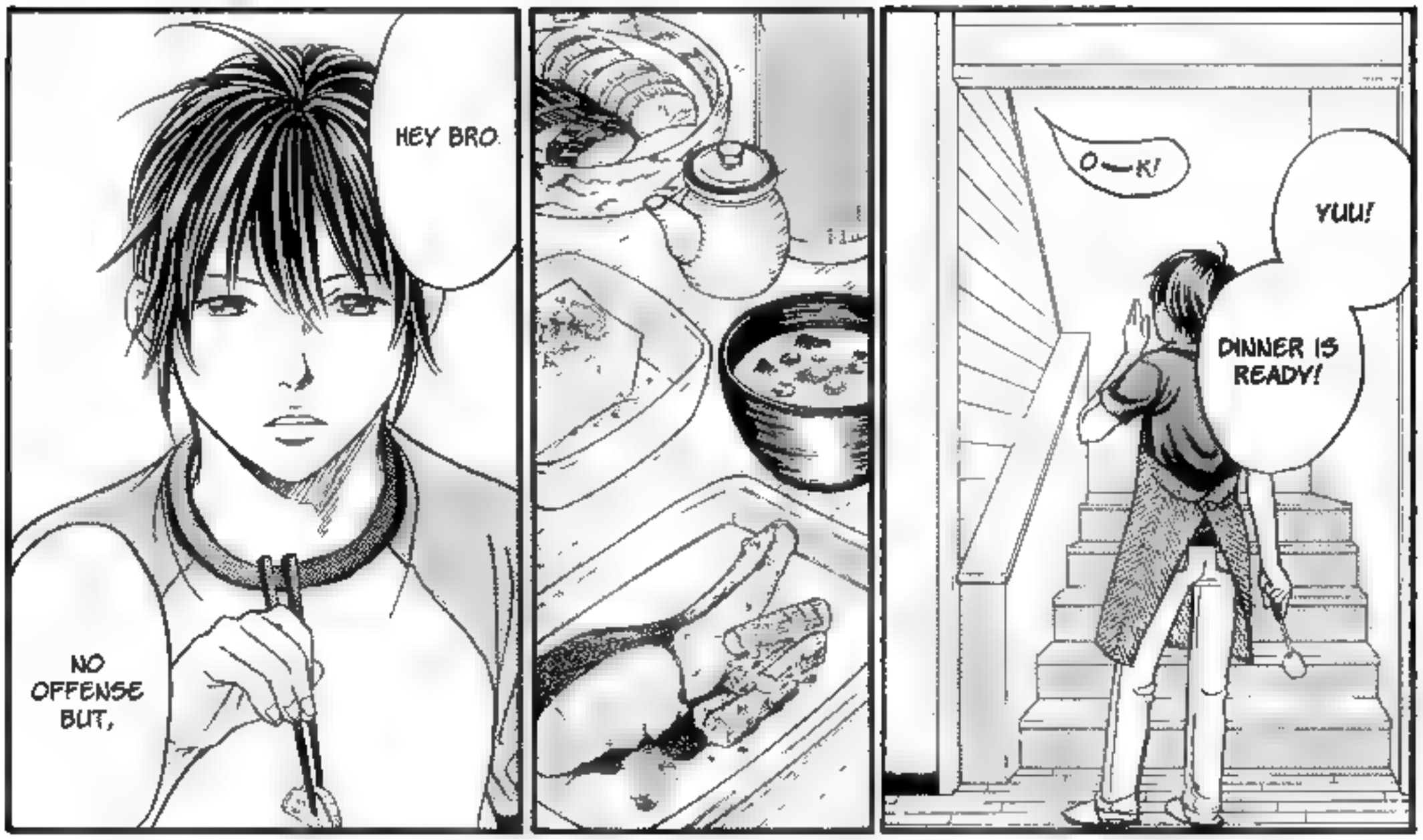
HEY BRO.
NO OFFENSE BUT,
O—K!
YUU!
DINNER IS READY!

I TOLD YOU NOT TO LOOK!!
Just Talking about hot springs and work
THE CONTENTS OF YOUR TEXTS ARE TOO BLAND.

ISNT THERE SOMETHING YOU WANT TO TELL HER?
THE THINGS YOU TALK ABOUT ARE SO BLAND.
THERE'S NO FEELING BEHIND ANY OF IT.

THERE IS SOME-THING I WANT TO TELL HER BUT ...

I PROMISE I WON'T LOOK AGAIN.

I'M JUST SAYING TALK WITH A BIT OF PASSION!

EASY FOR YOU TO SAY AFTER ALL YOU'RE JUST BEING NOSY.

TSK

THAT'S WHY I'M KEEPING IT CASUAL ...

I KNOW THAT.

THAT'LL JUST CAUSE PROBLEMS FOR HER.

MHM.

BATH IS FREE!

SO SHE WILL REPLY TO MY TEXTS.

.....

WHA?

OH HAS HE MADE HIS MOVE YET?

LIKE HE WANTS TO MEET YOU OR SOMETHING?

NOPE.

HE WROTE "DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT."

ABOUT HIS CONFESSION.

HE TOLD ME NOT TO WORRY ABOUT IT

ぽてっ

WHAT!?

Please don't worry about what I said that night at the temple festival.

I understand I won't get the answer I'm looking for.

But I'll be really happy if you text me again if you feel like it.

Well then, good night.

WHY AM I SUCH A COWARD

HE'S BACKING OUT NOW!?

JUST WHAT KIND OF GOOD FOR NOTHING GEEZER IS HE!!

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SORRY BUT I DROVE TO WORK TODAY.

MAYBE NEXT TIME.

WANT TO GO FOR A DRINK AFTER WORK?

KOMAI-KUN,

AFTER THAT,

I STOPPED RECEIVING TEXTS FROM HER.

IT'S BEEN THE USUAL WORK FILLED SUMMER VACATION.

HEY!

IT'S LUNCH TIME!

山本通運(株)

OH IT'S YUU.

THE AMOUNT OF TIMES I LOOKED AT MY CELL INCREASED.

I want to eat curry. yuu ▶

山本通運

カチャ☆

I'M HOME NACHI!

I GOT SOME APPLE PIE FROM...

WORK

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RU...

RUKA!!

ガラッ

!!

ハーハー!

ACHA...

ガーン

!!

I'M SORRY! I FORGOT YOU WERE COMING HOME EARLY

IT'S FINE

I'LL KILL SOME TIME SO ENJOY YOURSELF.

24h OPEN

ドライブスルー

WacRonalds

HELL NO!

AFTER SEEING THAT THERE'S NO WAY I CAN EAT WITH YOU TWO.

NO...

COME BACK! I MADE SOME GENGHIS KHAN FOR THE THREE OF US TO EAT.

.....

UNBELIE-VABLE.

ARE ALL MEN FINE WITH BEING SEEN. ?

EH?

WELL WE'RE FINE WITH IT

EAT WITHOUT ME.

SEE YOU LATER.

I'M NOT

Good evening. How are you

I'm about to have dinner right now. The menu for

I BET THEY ARE ALL FROM YUU.

I'm going to eat by myself so I'll warm you when it's ready.

"The Gigaburger set"

I'm going to take this all you can eat challenge to kill time.

For starters I'll have some fries. I usually give up right there

They are so hard to eat
My hands are all sticky.

Next part is getting pretty rough.

Let's try adding some ketchup

THE MOOD OF ALL THESE TEXTS?

WHAT'S UP WITH

MY CONFESSION ONE BIT.

IS SHE TRYING TO TELL ME SHE'S REALLY NOT WORRYING ABOUT...

THE TEXT ABOUT THE FRIES WAS 15 MINS. AGO

I WONDER IF SHE'S STILL THERE...?

HUH?

THIS PLACE IS NEAR THE SCHOOL

Yay!
I somehow managed to eat all the fries!

But I only managed to eat a third of the burger ;;

SHE'LL PROBABLY HATE ME EVEN IT THOUGH.

IF I GO MAYBE

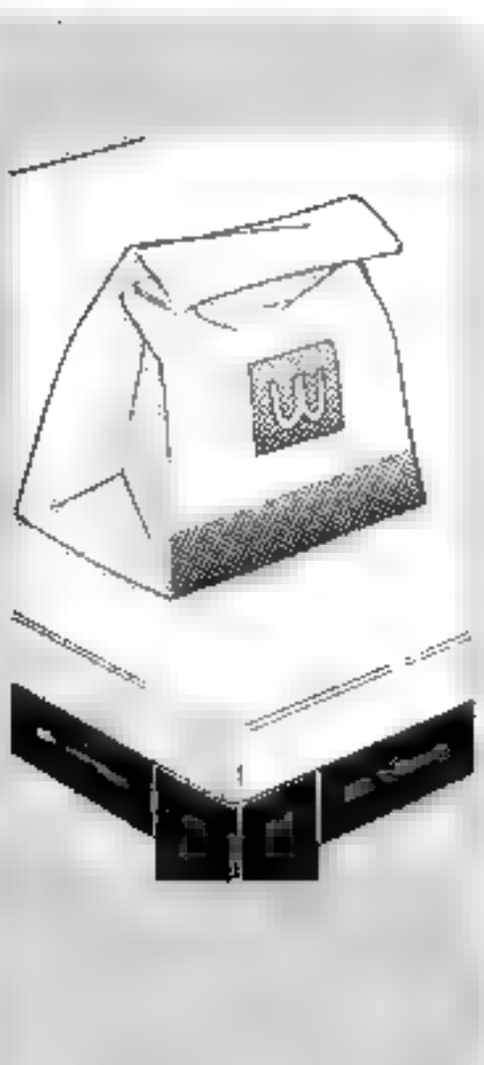
I CAN SEE HER

I AM SO [illegible] BY HER

EVEN IF IT'S SELF

JUST ONE GLANCE.

I WANT TO GO SEE HER!!



I regretfully retired.
I took the leftovers
home with me.

OH I'M DONE FOR!

I CAN'T MOVE.

IT HURTS TO EVEN BREATHE.

OBVIOUSLY.

WHY DID YOU TRY EATING ALL THIS AGAIN?

I'LL BE MORE CAREFUL FROM NOW ON.

I SAID I'M SORRY!

I JUST WANTED TO ERASE THE IMAGE OF YOUR BOYFRIEND.

NOW I JUST WANT TO ERASE THE IMAGE OF THE BURGER AND FRIES

...!

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(non title)

I'm sorry.
On second thought
please worry about it

Kenshi

MY STOMACH HURTS FROM LAUGHING.

OUCH

WHO IS IT FROM?

HM?

THAT'S SO LIKE HIM.

I ONLY MANAGED TO EAT HALF OF IT.

I TRIED TO EAT THE GIGABURGER SET IN THE SAME SEAT AS HER.

CHAPTER 8
COINCIDENCE

GOOD MORNING! ♡

HE HE HE ♡

YOU'RE PRETTY ENERGETIC SO EARLY IN THE MORNING, KOTONO...

TON

THAT'S BECAUSE TODAY,

I'M GOING TO DREAMPARK TOGETHER WITH YUU-CHAN! ♡

TODAY IS THE LAST DAY OF AUGUST. TONIGHT THERE'S GOING TO BE A BIG FIREWORKS DISPLAY THE MOOD WILL BE PERFECT.

♡

MY CHILDHOOD FRIEND KOTONO HANAKI (15) IS IN LOVE WITH MY BROTHER YUU (17).

.....

YUU WENT TO THE BEACH FIRST THING THIS MORNING...

UMM KOTONO...

BUT ...

AMUSEMENT PARK? WITH KOTONO?

HUH? WAS THAT TODAY?

SO PITIFUL...

WHAT!?

I FEEL SO SORRY FOR HER. FALLING FOR SOMEONE LIKE THAT.

TON

STOP SCREWING AROUND! COME BACK AND TAKE HER!

BY THE TIME I GET BACK THE PARK WILL BE CLOSED.

YOU TAKE HER INSTEAD BRO. NOT LIKE YOU'RE DOING ANYTHING.

UGH...

...I'M...

KOTO...

YOU'RE TREATING ME, RIGHT?

UM OK...?

HUH? SURE.

WILL YOU TAKE ME IN YOUR CAR?

WHAT WILL YOU DO? THERE'S NO POINT GOING WITH ME RIGHT?

wear a fancy one

BUT FIRST CHANGE THAT WEIRD SHIRT. ♡

OKAY I'LL GO. ♡

TOM

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BLIZZARD

IN THIS HEAT TOO. SO BIZARRE...

WOAH! I FIGURED IT WOULD BE PACKED!

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1時間
待ちです

EVERYONE'S HYPED SINCE TODAY IS THE LAST DAY FOR THE SUMMER HAUNTED HOUSE EVENT WHICH IS PRETTY POPULAR TOO.

THE FIRE-WORKS WILL BE THE SAME WAY

YOU EVEN GET HYPED UP LIKE AN OLD GEEZER...

HOW BIZARRE. YOU'RE MAKING ME PAY AND YOU WANT TO SHOW ME SCARY STUFF.

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UH...

HEY, HAVE YOU EVER BROUGHT A GIRL YOU LIKED HERE?

のりもの券売場

SO TODAY I... UMM HOW ABOUT...

YOU THINK OF ME AS RUKA-SAN?

AND PRACTICE ESCORTING ME AROUND?

I'LL PASS.

WHY!

YOU PROVIDE ZERO TENSION. SO IT WON'T BE MUCH PRACTICE.

JEEZ!

GIRLS HATE THAT SORT OF ATTITUDE THE MOST!

IF IT WAS WITH RUKA-SAN ...

YEAH RIGHT...

A DREAM WITHIN A DREAM..

IF I WAS WITH RUKA-SAN I WOULDN'T SAY THAT OBVIOUSLY.

KOTONO,

ISN'T THAT YOUR FAVORITE?

HM?

KID'S PA

YEAH, YEAH.

ANYWAY! YOU HAVE TO MAKE IT ENJOYABLE. SO YOU CAN MAKE YOUR DATE HAPPY.

.....

Take 200 yen

HERE GO RIDE IT.

RIGHT ...

THE WAY YOU SAID IT, IS WHATEVER.

BUT YOU SCORE HIGH FOR REMEMBERING WHAT YOUR PARTNER LIKES.

LET'S GO ON THAT NEXT!

IF I WAS YOU I WOULDN'T EVEN FEEL LIKE LAUGHING.

YOU'RE PRETTY TOUGH.

WE GOTTA HAVE FUN OR I'D GET CURSED.

I GOT A HOMEBODY LIKE YOU TO COME OUT.

KOTONO IS SUCH A GOOD GIRL.

EVEN SO THAT SORT OF THING WON'T REACH YUU.

IF RUKA-SAN KNEW OF YOUR NICE SIDE,

I THINK SHE'D FALL FOR YOU.

.....

I AM VERY CONFIDENT THAT I AM A REAL NICE GUY.

HOWEVER ...

TULIP TULIP

JUST BEING NICE WONT REACH HIM.

WON'T GET YOU THE GIRL.

JUST "BEING A NICE GUY"

REALITY ISN'T AS NICE.

HUH?

BESIDES BEING NICE, THERE ARE MORE PROBLEMS AT HAND...

GRANPA KOMA?

I JUST TOLD HER HOW I'M DOING AND STUFF OVER TEXT FROM TIME TO TIME.

SPEAKING OF WHICH,

I DIDN'T GET TO SEE HER AT ALL THIS SUMMER.

HUH?

RUKA-SAN!?

AH!

RIGHT RUKA!

ACHA! THAT YUU-KUN IS TERRIBLE.

FANCY MEETING YOU HERE.

BESIDES THAT, WHO IS THIS CUTE GIRL YOU BROUGHT WITH YOU?

AH..UMM

SHE IS YADDA YADDA

I KNOW RIGHT. SO HE BROUGHT ME HERE TO CHEER ME UP. DESPITE HIS BUSY SCHEDULE...

THE INSTANT SHE HEARD RUKA! STOP TRYING TO MAKE ME LOOK GOOD

SINCE WE ARE ALL HERE LET'S GO TOGETHER.

YOU'RE RIGHT! THE MORE THE BETTER!

DON'T HIT IT OFF RIGHT AWAY EITHER!!

IS THAT ALRIGHT, RUKA?

SURE ...

THERE'S ONE PEN LIGHT PER GROUP

WHEN YOU WANT TO QUIT JUST PRESS THE RETIRE BUTTON. THAT CALLS AN EMPLOYEE OVER TO YOU.

ON TOP OF MEETING HER BY COINCIDENCE,

I GET TO SPEND TIME WITH HER.../

I'LL HOLD THE PEN LIGHT! ♡

I'll take the lead

THEN I'LL TAKE THE RETIRE BUTTON...

NO!

IF YOU HOLD IT YOU WILL PRESS IT RIGHT AWAY!

Hand over

入口

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RETIRE BUTTON?

IS THIS THAT SCARY?

恒例夏企画 (7/16 ~ 8/31)

死霊の監獄

会場：オーロラ城イベントスペース
受付：インフォメーションカウンター

I DON'T LIKE THIS..

I DON'T WANT THEM TO THINK I'M A LOSER IF I SKIP OUT ON THIS..

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ARE YOU SERIOUS?

WE HAVENT EVEN LEFT THE ENTRANCE -

I DON'T LIKE THIS! I DON'T LIKE THIS! I DON'T LIKE THIS!

^^^^

WOW!

IT'S REALLY DARK

順路

HERE IT COMES!!

IT'S COMING! IT'S COMING THIS WAY!!

OH I SEE.

IT'S PROBABLY TO MAKE CUSTOMERS MOVE FORWARD.

!?

QUICKLY!

WHOA..

HURRY UP AND PRESS IT!

.....

OH NO WHAT THE!?

HUH? THE BATTERY RAN OUT ON THE PEN LIGHT.

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PRESS THE BUTTON!!

NACHI! THE BUTTON! PRESS IT!

ピーーーー...

HEY YOU TWO!

WE'LL GO ON AHEAD. ♡

NA..

K-KOTONO!

STOP PLAYING AROUND!

UUUNNNNHHHHH!!

Noooooooo!!!!

NO! NO!
NO! NO!

HER CHEST IS''

HER

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THAT WAS SO SCARY...

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出口

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I WAS TOUCHING THEM DIRECTLY!

I HAD NO TIME TO BE SCARED.

YEAH ...

フランクフルト 250円
アメリカンドッグ 280円
フライドポテト 300円
たこ焼 500円

SO HOW WAS IT? DID YOU LIKE IT?

DB

NACHI-SAN!

NACHI! COME OUT! I'M GOING TO SMACK YOU!

HOW DARE THEY LEAVE US WITHOUT A LIGHT!

トゥルルルル♪

BEST OF LUCK ON YOUR SEARCH YOU TWO! ♡ Bunbyo: ♡

NA...

IF YOU CATCH US BEFORE THE PARK CLOSES I'LL TREAT THE TWO OF YOU TO ANYTHING YOU WANT.

IT'LL BE QUICKER IF WE SPLIT UP

THAT'S... WHAT SHE SAID...

.....

DO WANT TO LOOK FOR THEM WHILE WE GO ON SOME RIDES?

THAT WOULD BE A WASTE OF THIS "ALL YOU CAN RIDE" PASS...

AM PARK

GIRLS HATE THAT KIND OF ATTITUDE THE MOST!!

UM... NOTHING COMES TO...

LIMM WELL...

UH...

GR-

TOGETHER!?

GRANPA, IS THERE ANYTHING YOU WANT TO GO ON?

LET'S TRY THAT FIRST!

I THINK I SAW THEM OVER THERE.

YES! THEY DO.

I... I WONDER IF THEY HAVE GO-KARTS...?

LIMM I DON'T THINK THIS COUNTS AS A DATE.

ANYWAY! YOU HAVE TO MAKE IT ENJOYABLE. SO YOU CAN MAKE YOUR DATE HAPPY.

OH.

I HAVEN'T BEEN TO A THEME PARK IN 10 YEARS.

I HAD FORGOTTEN HOW MUCH FUN THEY ARE.

MAKE HER ENJOY HERSELF

DOESN'T IT MAKE YOU FEEL LIKE KID?

AH TO BE YOUNG AGAIN.

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;!

THE TWIN PIG TAIL HAIR STYLE AND THOSE SHORTS FEEL LIKE SHE IS HERE TO HAVE FUN...

BUT IT FEELS A LOT LIKE A DATE.

SHE PROBABLY LOVES THEME PARKS...

I HAVE TO FIND WHAT SHE MIGHT LIKE SOMEHOW...

YOU SOUND LIKE AN OLD FART.

WE'RE BOTH IN OUR 20'S, RIGHT?

I THINK I MIGHT CRY.

WHY THEY CALL ME "GRANPA".

THAT'S ...

HOW LONG I HAVE YEARNED TO SEE IT?

HEHE.

THAT SMILE...

I SEE.

SO THAT'S THE REASON.

ALL ALONG,

PROBABLY SINCE I FIRST SAW HER SMILE.

.....

UH, Y-YEAH...

LET'S GO!

WE STILL HAVEN'T GONE ON THAT

WE CAN PROBABLY SEARCH FOR THEM FROM UP TOP.

PEOPLE ARE STARTING TO DISPERSE.

WANT TO RIDE THE GO-KARTS ONE MORE TIME?

AH!

BETTER YET...

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THAT THE FERRIS WHEEL WAS SUCH AN AWKWARD SIZE

THIS PERFECTLY CRAMPED SPACE...
WHEN I TRY TO RELAX MY KNEES START

.....

MAYBE_

WARNING!

It's pretty rough for a virgin who hasn't had a girlfriend in 20 years to ride with a girl he likes.

THAT

IN THAT CASE THEY SHOULD HAVE WRITTEN SOMETHING LIKE_

THOSE TWO ARE ALREADY GONE.

SHE LOVES PULLING THESE MEDDLESOME PRANKS...

SHE DOES THIS SORT OF THING FROM TIME TO TIME.

NACHI LIKELY SEDUCED KOTONO-CHAN.

THEY PROBABLY WENT HOME AFTER THEY CALLED.

I'M SORRY...

EVEN THOUGH SHE KNEW THAT,

SHE STAYED WITH ME...

.....

ME TOO.

HAVING FUN WAS MY PRIORITY.

EVEN FOR A LITTLE LONGER

THEY AREN'T HERE

YEAH

I JUST WANTED TO BE WITH YOU ...

I... TODAY...

FOR NOT SERIOUSLY LOOKING FOR THEM

YOU HAD FUN TOO, RIGHT?

I ALSO HAD THIS FREE PASS FROM BEFORE.

TOKYO DISNEY PARK 1E/B

BEING SO NICE ALL OF THE SUDDEN...

YOU SHOULDN'T DO THAT RUKA-SAN.

I JUST MIGHT JUMP UP AND POUNCE ON YOU.

WELL

LOOKS LIKE IT'S ALMOST CLOSING SOON

YEAH

LOOKS LIKE IT

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OH...
I SEE
...

ON THAT TODAY.
I'LL PASS ...

パーキング P
ミュートルバス のりば
DREAM PARK
UM...
WELL,
I CAME HERE BY CAR.
IF YOU'D LIKE...

THANKS FOR TODAY.
OF COURSE THINGS WONT GO THAT WELL...
WELL THEN,
I'LL BE ON MY WAY.

GRANPA!

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DREAM PARK
GIVE ME A LITTLE BIT OF TIME.

IS THAT...
ANSWER GOOD ENOUGH FOR YOU...?

I'M REALLY HAPPY
ABOUT HOW YOU FEEL.

RIGHT NOW...
I CANT GIVE YOU AN ANSWER BUT...

IT'S STILL TOO EARLY TO GIVE UP.

WELL,

SEE YOU AT SCHOOL.

I CAN KEEP MY FEELINGS FOR HER...

YES...

IT'S PLENTY.

WHY DIDN'T YOU COME BACK AFTER WATCHING THE FIREWORKS?

DID HE GIVE YOU A RIDE HOME?

HUH?

I'M NOT THE ONE TO BLAME.

YUU-KUN WAS THE MASTERMIND BEHIND THE WHOLE THING.

HE ASKED KOTONO-CHIN AND I TO HELP OUT.

WE REHEARSED THE HAUNTED HOUSE 3 TIMES.

I'M TOTALLY USED TO ZOMBIES NOW.

YUU-KUN!?

ALL HE HAD TO DO WAS CREATE A MOOD WITH THE FIREWORKS AND DRIVE YOU HOME...

DAMN IT! HE'S TOTALLY USELESS

NACHI!!

ヘタコイ❷

IF YOU GO AT IT NORMALLY WHO KNOWS HOW MANY YEARS IT WOULD TAKE?

JUST HURRY UP CLING TOGETHER AND REVEAL EVERYTHING ALREADY

I'M SHOCKED

WHO WOULD GO THAT FAR NORMALLY!?

WELL THERE'S THAT TOO.

What do you mean by cling together?

HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN THAT HE HAS SEEN EVE..

"REVEAL EVERY-THING?"

RUKA.

I THINK YOU'RE BETTER OFF FORGETTING ABOUT "HIM"

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IT'S BECAUSE HE'S A NICE GUY

THAT'S WHY I DON'T WANT TO HURT HIM

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GRANPA KOMA IS A GOOD GUY

YOU'RE NOT AS PISSED AS YOU LEAD ON RIGHT?

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THAT'S WHY I DON'T WANT TO DATE ANYONE.

WHEN HE COMES BACK.

I'M NOT CONFIDENT MY FEELINGS WOULD NOT WAVER.

A REAL DATE...

YOU TWO!?

I WONDER WHEN WILL I BE ABLE TO INVITE HER ON

CHAPTER 9
EXPERIENCE

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MM.
YUU!

HEY LET'S DO IT ONE MORE TIME. ♡

HM?

AAH...

THAT WAS AMAZING.

OH

WE CAN'T MY BROTHER IS ON HIS WAY HOME.

EH? IT'S ALREADY THAT TIME?

JUST TEXT HIM SAYING THAT YOU WANT AN EXTENSION FOR ONE MORE HOUR.

NOT GONNA HAPPEN.

MY BROTHER IS REALLY ANAL ABOUT KEEPING PROMISES.

Today he had a big game match

YOUR BROTHER IS TOO STRICT. ☆

WELL YEAH.

BUT YOU JUST NEED TO BE PATIENT A LITTLE LONGER.

WHY'S THAT?

H₂O

I THINK IT'LL MAKE HIM BIT MORE FLEXIBLE AFTER ENDING HIS GIRL-LESS HISTORY, YOU KNOW?

MY BROTHER IS IN THE PROCESS OF GETTING A GIRL

I'M PRETTY CONFIDENT HE WILL GET WITH HER.

AS HIS.

LITTLE BROTHER IS ENJOYING HIMSELF AT THAT TIME...

OOH THERE WE GO

AW

IT'S ABOUT TIME

THE OLDER BROTHER DRIVEN AWAY FROM HIS HOUSE FEELING MISERABLE

SO I'M CONSIDERING A TAMPA AT A PARK

I RAN OUT OF THINGS TO DO

Sakurou Yoh!
090-XXXX-XXXX
HM?
ルルルルルルルル
THAT BETTER NOT BE HIM ASKING FOR MORE TIME!
THIS THING...

居酒屋
TEA ROOM Coffee
BOOK

WAS IT HARDER THAN COMMUTING?
SO HOW WAS DRIVING SCHOOL?

MAN, IT'S BEEN A WHILE.
THE PLAN WAS TO COME BACK AROUND THE MIDDLE OF AUGUST

WELL.
THERE WERENT ANY ROUGH SPOTS IN PARTICULAR

JUST WHAT DID THIS GUY GO FOR...?

SO IT WAS MORE LIKE, "GIVE ME BACK MY SUMMER VACATION!"

Thanks to that I didn't learn much

ALL THE CUTE GIRLS HAD BOYFRIENDS.

THE REST WERE ALL FAT, UGLY HAGS.

ANYTHING GOOD HAPPEN TO YOU THIS SUMMER?

SO?

YAJI-SAN WAS REALLY

INTO HER IN THE FIRST PLACE.

I'M SORRY ...

I GUESS ...

I SHOULD TELL HIM ABOUT

WHAT HAPPENED WITH RUKA-SAN ...

IT'S COOL...

YOU CAN HAVE HER.

豚キムチ 600

もずく 300

キムチ 300

つくね 300

もろきゅう 500

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THAT CONFESSION WAS A SPUR OF THE MOMENT.

I WASN'T TRYING TO STEAL HER AWAY OR ANYTHING...

I DECIDED TO BACK YOU UP.

WHEN YOU TOLD ME YOU WERE GOING TO STAY AT TABISEN,

NOW!

NOW? WHAT DOES THAT HAVE TO DO WITH ANYTHING!?

YOU HAVE TO PICK UP CHICKS AND LOSE YOUR VIRGINITY, GRANPA!

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YOU DON'T THINK SHE'S A VIRGIN, RIGHT?

YOU SERIOUS?

NO WAY WOULD MEN AROUND HER LEAVE HER ALONE BEFORE SHE TURNED 20.

WITH THOSE OUTRAGEOUS TITS!

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THAT SHE WAS DATING THIS FORMER MEMBER OF TABISEAL

THERE'S ALSO THIS RUMOR,

THE NIGHT OF THE NEW MEMBERS' PARTY,

DID SHE REMEMBER HIM AND STARTED TO CRY...?

YOU KNOW HOW OLDER GUYS ARE.

DON'T YOU THINK IT'S A DRAWBACK BEING A VIRGIN OF THE SAME AGE?

A FORMER MEMBER OF TABISEN ...

SIGH

RIGHT!?

YOU GOT TO GET SOME EXPERIENCE UNDER YOUR BELT MAN!

I KEPT MY END OF THE BARGAIN.

I MADE MY GIRL LEAVE AT 5 ON THE DOT.

IF YOU WERE GETTING DRINKS, THEN LET ME KNOW AHEAD OF TIME!

COULDN'T HELP IT. IT WAS A SUDDEN INVITATION.

WHY? I KNOW SHE'LL BE GONE WITHIN 3 MONTHS SO WHY BOTHER INTRODUCING HER TO ME...

WITH "IT JUST DIDN'T WORK OUT"

You should at least say hello to her

BESIDES THAT WHY ARE YOU SO AGAINST MEETING MY GIRLFRIEND?

MY BROTHER, YUU,

CHANGES GIRLS WITH THE SEASONS.

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SO DON'T WRITE HER OFF LIKE THAT!

I THINK THIS ONE IS A KEEPER.

IT'S NOT ALL THAT STRANGE

IN TERMS OF WORKERS I DON'T OFTEN RUN TO COMPUTE

HE'S NOT ALL THAT STRANGE

IN OTHER WORDS HE'S GOT PICKED UP AND DUMPED TO ACT COLD!

THAT SHE HAS EXPERIENCE

THERE'S A RUMOR THAT SHE WAS DATING A FORMER MEMBER OF TABISEN.

BUT THERE'S NO WAY HE'D TAKE HIS ANGER OUT ON HIS OLDER BROTHER I'D LOVE TO LECTURE HIM.

IS THE LAST CHANCE FOR GIRLS WHO COULDN'T MEET ANYONE IN AUGUST. SO THEY COME HERE.

AND THEY ARE EASY PICKINGS.

IT'S NOT LIKE I'M GOING ALONG WITH WHAT HE SAID BEFORE.

AREN'T YOU TALKING ABOUT YOURSELF_?

THE BEACH IS PRETTY EMPTY FOR SEPTEMBER...

HOW IS THIS A HOT SPOT FOR PICKING UP GIRLS?

YOU JUST DON'T GET IT

THE BEACH IN SEPTEMBER

OH!

I DON'T HAVE MUCH CONFI-DENCE.

SO I FIGURED I'D AT LEAST SEE HOW YOU PICK UP GIRLS.

ALRIGHTY LET'S FIND SOME WORTHY CHICKS...

LET'S GO WITH THEM.

GRANPA!

GEH!?

THOSE KINDS OF GIRLS WOULDN'T BE HERE TO FLIRT.

I THINK WE SHOULD LOOK FOR MORE PRIM AND PROPER GIRLS...

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AH...

T-THEY ARE A BIT...

HERE YOU GO! ♡

CHARGE ♡

OKAY ♡

YAJI-SA..!

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Atta～ck♥

JUST LOOKING IS EMBARRAS-SING!

WOW!

YAY!♡

IF YOU DON'T LET ME PLAY YOU'RE NOT GETTING IT BACK!♡

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HUH...?

ALRIGHT ♡

HURRY UP AND GET OVER HERE, KOMAI!

IT'S THAT EASY!?

YOU'RE KIDDING RIGHT?

I'M ERI.

ALSO A FREELANCER. ♡

I'M MIKA.

I'M A FREELANCER.

TABLE TENNIS! IT WAS TABLE TENNIS!!

WE WERE BOTH IN THE SAME VOLLEYBALL TEAM IN HIGH SCHOOL TOO. ♡

WE'RE BOTH FRESHMEN AT THE SAME COLLEGE.

ARE YOU LIKE MAGAZINE MODELS OR SOMETHING?

I THINK I RECALL SEEING YOUR FACES BEFORE.

EVEN SO WE WERE BOTH RONIN.

YOU GO TO K UNIVERSITY? AWESOME. YOU GUYS MUST BE REALLY SMART ♡

I CAN'T CONTINUE LISTENING TO THIS...

EH? NOT AT ALL!

OH I GOT IT? TV ADS?

HE'S EVEN LYING ABOUT OUR SCHOOL?

WHAT CAN I TALK ABOUT!?

COME ON TALK! ♡

KOMAI-SAN!

PLEASE DON'T BE ALL QUIET AND PARTICIPATE.

DON'T BE FOOLED GIRLS!

JUST WAITING FOR THE MOST DELICIOUS PARTS.

HE SITS THERE SILENT LOOKING ALL SERIOUS.

HE'S ALWAYS LIKE THIS!

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WELL SKILL-FULLY...

HE MANAGED TO BS HIS WAY OUT...

I REALLY AM SERIOUS!!

I DON'T BELIEVE IT.

NO WAY!

what a waste of time

I ADMIRE HIM IN A WHOLE OTHER WAY...

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男性

貴重品お持ち下さい

SO?

WHICH ONE DO YOU LIKE GRANPA?

I'M SCARED OF BOTH THEM...

WHY!?

I'M SCARED OF THAT COOLNESS.

THEY ARE BOTH PRETTY COOL.

BS'ING WITH LIES AND FLATTERY.

THAT'S A GOOD!

IS THAT HOW YOU PICK UP GIRLS...?

I WANT TO GO HOME ALREADY...

THAT'S...

WHAT IT MEANS TO PICK UP GIRLS.

I'M SCARED OF HOW DANGEROUS THAT IS.

BEING THAT DEFENSE-LESS,

AND WILLING TO OPEN THEIR HEARTS TO ANY GUY PASSING BY.

HUH..!?

BUT I'M DONE WITH ALL THIS...

YEAH.

I LEARNED PLENTY TODAY.

EVEN SO.

I FEEL LIKE THIS WILL LEAD TO GETTING A VENEREAL DISEASE,

SOME KIND OF BLACKMAIL, OR SOME HORRIBLE TRAP WAITING FOR ME...

DON'T BE STUPID!

WE CAN DEFINITELY SCORE WITH THEM!!

IF SHE REJECTED ME JUST BECAUSE I'M A VIRGIN.

BUT THIS IS ALL SO YOU CAN GET WITH RUKA-CHAN...

SHE'S NOT THE TYPE OF GIRL I THOUGHT SHE WAS.

I KNEW IT...

I WANT MY FIRST TIME TO BE WITH SOMEONE I LOVE.

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I WANT TO BELIEVE

SHE'S NOT THAT KIND OF GIRL...

NOT AT ALL.

I'M REALLY GRATEFUL FOR WHAT YOU DID.

MY FAULT ...

I SHOULD HAVE JUST MINDED MY BUSINESS.

I SEE ...

JUST FOR TODAY!

FAVOR OF A LIFETIME!!

WELL THEN

YOU DON'T HAVE TO DO IT!

JUST BE QUIET AND COME ALONG!

WE'RE NOT INTO ALCOHOL AND STUFF

WE'RE GOOD

WHAT ARE YOU GIRLS UP TO LATER?

WANT TO GO FOR DRINKS? MY TREAT!

HUH!?

SOO

!!

WHY DON'T WE GO OVER TO MIKA'S AND HAVE SOME FUN?

NO MATTER HOW YOU LOOK AT IT!

10 MINS BY BUS

IT'S PRETTY CLOSE BY

THAT'S JUST

ISN'T THIS TOO EASY!?

A TRAP...

I'M SURE THIS IS...

.....

THIS IS DEFINITELY WEIRD.

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HEY!

BEFORE SOME SCARY MAFIA TYPES BUST THROUGH THAT DOOR,

I BETTER GET YAJI-SAN AND GET AWAY...

THAT'S...

BY FOLKS DO YOU MEAN YOUR YAKUZA BOSS!?

MY FOLKS ARE GOING TO COME BACK

IF YOU DON'T HURRY UP,

SEE I KNEW IT.

KOMAI-SAN IS A VERY SERIOUS TYPE OF PERSON.

I'M...

TOTALLY NOT FEELING IT...

UM...

Towards someone →

I DON'T EVEN HAVE A BONER.

I JUST WANTED TO LOSE MY VIRGINITY AND SAY BYE BYE TO BEING A VIRGIN.

BUT I WANTED YOU TO MAKE ME YOUR GIRLFRIEND FIRST ♡

TRUTH IS, SO AM I.

VIR...?

I'M NOT.

BY THE WAY I'M STILL IN MIDDLE SCHOOL.

VIR... GIN?

YOU'VE GOT TO KIDDING ...

SECOND YEAR MIDDLE SCHOOL!? 13 YEARS OLD!!

LOOK!

WE JUST CAN'T FIT IN.

THE GIRLS WHO'VE DONE IT ALREADY ACT SO HIGH AND MIGHTY. IT PISSES ME OFF.

SUMMER VACATION IS OVER ALREADY

AMONG OUR FRIENDS, ERI AND I, ARE THE ONLY VIRGINS.

A COLLEGE BOYFRIEND FROM K UNIVERSITY HOW COOL IS THAT. ♡

I'LL BE ABLE TO BRAG! ♡

IF YOU BECOME MY BOYFRIEND,

I HAVE NO PROBLEMS GIVING IT UP TO YOU. ♡

HM?

AM I NO GOOD?

SO?

CHILDISH REASON ...?

ALL BECAUSE OF A FOOLISH ...

.....

WE'RE FRIENDS FROM THE SAME CLASS.

YEAH.

WAIT SO THAT MEANS,

ERI IS ALSO IN MIDDLE SCHOOL..?

YA...

SHOP

YAJI-SAN!!

MUFF

YOU CAN'T! YOU'LL BE A CRIMINAL! YOU'LL BE ARRESTED! THAT GIRL IS STILL IN MIDDLE SCHOOL!!

WHAT IS IT!

I STILL HAVEN'T PUT IT IN...

HEY!!

WAIT!

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KOMAI-SAN...

I KNEW IT.

I DON'T KNOW!

THEY CAN'T ARREST YOU WITH NO PENETRATION RIGHT?

GOING WITH YAJI-SAN TO PICK UP GIRLS...

NOTHING GOOD WOULD COME OUT OF

OH?

YOU'VE GOT QUITE THE TAN EVEN THOUGH IT'S SEPTEMBER!

IF THOSE TWO WERE MY SISTERS.
THEY WOULD BE FORBIDDEN TO LEAVE THE HOUSE UNTIL THEY TURN 18.
I WOULD SPANK THEM WHILE SCOLDING THEM ALL NIGHT LONG.
?
IF HE WAS MY LITTLE SISTER,
I'D BE SO WORRIED I WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO LET HIM OUT OF MY SIGHT ...
?

A 13 YEAR OLD VIRGIN WITH THAT BODY...

BUT...

YOU CAN'T TELL JUST BY LOOKING AT GIRLS...

SHE'D ONLY ALLOW SOMEONE

YOU DON'T THINK SHE'S A VIRGIN, RIGHT?

SHE'S DEEPLY IN LOVE TO DO THAT WITH.

EITHER WAY..

I WONDER WHAT KIND OF GUY IS HE...

BUT ...

THAT'S WHAT I'D LIKE TO THINK.

EVEN SO,

WHO MADE HER CRY.

HAS BEEN ON MY MIND.

THE PERSON

THIS LONG SUMMER BREAK IS OVER.

A COMPLI-CATED SEPTEM-BER.

CHAPTER 10
CONFESSION

SUMMER BREAK IS OVER.

THE CAMPUS I HAVENT SEEN IN A WHILE.

I HAVEN'T SEEN...

AH

Koma-cha～～ん♡

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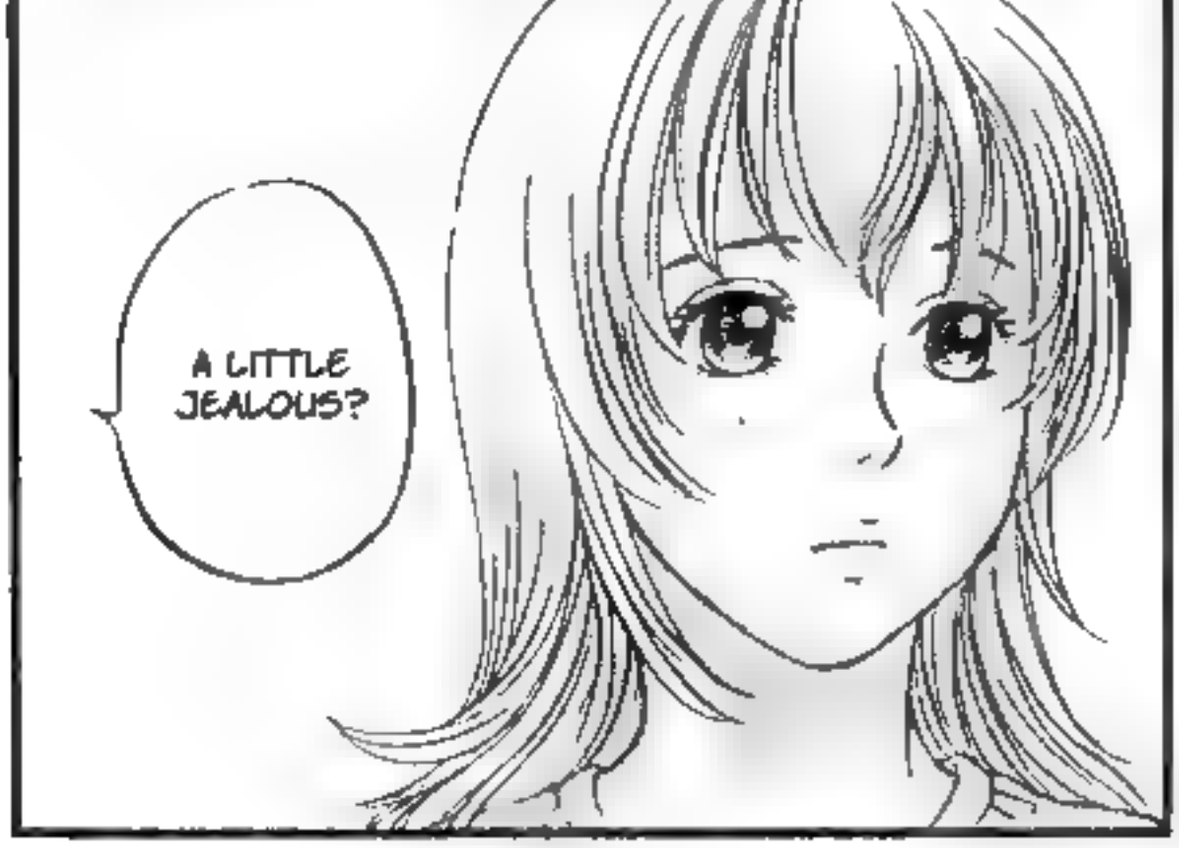
WE MISSED YOU!
IT'S BEEN SO LONG!
YUP
YUP
TABISEN MEMBERS I HAVENT SEEN IN A WHILE.


A LITTLE JEALOUS?

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I'M VERY JEALOUS.

YEAH.

OH MY

SO RARE FOR YOU TO BE HONEST.

IT'S WRITTEN ALL OVER YOUR FACE.

HOW GREAT IT IS TO PLAY WITH A GUY YOU LIKE SO INNOCENTLY LIKE THAT...

I WAS JUST THINKING,

.....

HAVEN'T YOU EVER WANTED TO SPOIL A MALE FRIEND LIKE THAT?

WITHOUT THINGS LIKE LOVE OR COMPLICATED FEELINGS GETTING IN THE WAY.

STOP SAYING THAT EVERY TIME!

AND NOW YOU'RE ADDING SEXUAL HARASS-MENT!

THAT KIND OF RELATIONSHIP IS BECAUSE THE TWINS GET ALL EXCITED.

IF YOU WERE TO DO SOMETHING LIKE THAT IT WOULD BE REVERSE SEXUAL HARASSMENT WITH THOSE HUGE TITS.

FROM NOW ON I'LL BE ABLE TO SEE HER EVERY DAY.

SHE LOOKS LIVELY.

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AS LONG AS I GO TO THE CLUB ROOM.

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MOST OF THE CLUB MEMBERS LEAVE THEIR TEXTBOOKS IN THE CLUB ROOM.

SO THEY WILL DEFINITELY STOP BY AT LEAST ONCE A DAY.

HELLO!

YO! BEEN A WHILE.

THANK YOU.

I BROUGHT PLENTY OF SOUVENIRS SO EAT UP.

I'M MAKING THE FINAL GROUPS FOR THE "REGULAR'S" SHIFT SO PICK THE ONE YOU WANT ON THIS SHEET.

OKAY

AH GRANPA, GOOD TIMING.

HEY!

IF I STOP BY AFTER EVERY PERIOD TO CHANGE TEXTBOOKS I'M BOUND TO RUN INTO HER.

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their stuff

YOU TAKE TURNS DURING ANY OF YOUR FREE PERIODS. THAT WAY THERE'S ALWAYS SOMEONE IN THE ROOM.

IN TABISEN, BY BEING A "REGULAR" YOU TAKE TURNS WATCHING OVER THE ROOM.

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WANT ME TO TEAM YOU UP WITH RUKA ON FRIDAYS DURING 5TH PERIOD?

WE ALL SAW HOW YOU CHASED HER DOWN DURING THE TEMPLE FESTIVAL!

AH..? EH...? RU...? RURU!?

IT'S NO USE TRYING TO HIDE IT NOW!

WE'RE ALL ON YOUR SIDE.

SO IF THERE'S ANYTHING WE CAN DO JUST ASK!

EVERYONE KNOWS THAT I LIKE RUKA-SAN!?

WHOA! WHOA! MIKE.

SLOW DOWN A BIT

AH UH...

Mika-san a can or

THINGS WILL GET MESSY IF EVERYONE STICKS THEIR NOSE IN HIS BUSINESS.

That's a win!

PREZ! ♡

BUT PREZ!

UMM WELL

YEAH I DO...

YOU ALSO THINK HE'S A MUCH BETTER MATCH FOR RUKA, RIGHT?

I'M A MUCH BETTER MATCH?

COMPARED TO WHOM?

WE'LL NONCHA-LANTLY PUSH HER ALONG! DON'T WORRY!

IT'S BEEN A WHILE GUYS!

HELLO!

SPEAK OF THE DEVIL...

THIS IS FROM NACHI AND I. ♥

WOW ♡

A TON OF SOUVENIRS. ♡

"OH!"

"YOU'RE RIGHT WE BETTER HURRY!"

"DIDN'T ONE OF THE OPERATIONS MEMBER FOR THE SCHOOL FESTIVAL CALL FOR US?"

"OOPS I ALMOST FORGOT"

THE TWO OF YOU ARE PRETTY DAMN OBVIOUS!!

"SORRY, BUT CAN THE TWO OF YOU KEEP WATCH FOR US."

THE SCHOOL FESTIVAL ...

WE'RE GOING TO GET REAL BUSY SOON.

THE SCHOOL FESTIVAL, HUH?

AFTER ALL WE ARE A CULTURE CLUB.

SO WE HAVE TO PUBLICIZE THE RESULTS OF OUR CLUB ACTIVITIES.

YEAH AND WE'RE ALSO DOING A SHOW.

I GUESS WE'RE GOING TO DO A FOOD STAND?

HUH?

THAT PLAN ENDED IN A HUGE FAILURE.

LAST YEAR WE DID A FOOD STAND AND A HOT SPRING QUIZ SHOW.

HMMM

SOUNDS INTEREST-ING.

WHOA..

MOVING ON...

UM ...

THEN HOW ABOUT JUST ONE?

UH

PLEASE NAME 4 OF THE OPEN AIR HOT SPRINGS OF KONO-SAKI.

NONE OF THE PARTICIPANTS COULD ANSWER ANY OF THE QUESTIONS.

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IT WAS A TOTAL BUZZ KILL...

IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE I'VE HUNG OUT WITH HER AT THIS CLUB.

THE SECOND YEARS ARE IN CHARGE OF THE SHOW THIS YEAR!

IT ALSO HELPS WITH THE FESTIVE MOOD.

WE'RE GOING TO MAKE IT A BLAST!

WE JUST TALKED AND LAUGHED.

AND WE ATE A LOT.

WE WERE NOT CONCERNED WITH BEING ALONE TOGETHER.

HMM 5TH PERIOD ON FRIDAYS

GUESS I'LL DROP ANTHROPOLOGY

I REALLY WANT TO TEAM UP WITH HER FOR THE REGULAR SHIFT

THE SCHOOL FESTIVAL!

I CAN'T WAIT FOR IT!

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I CAN MEET CHICKS BY PRETENDING TO BE PULLING IN CUSTOMERS.

IT'S GOING TO BE A COLLEGE FLIRTING PARADISE.

THIS AGAIN? DIDN'T HE LEARN HIS LESSON?

HEY YOU!

THE FRESHMEN FROM TABISEN!

NICE

COULD YOU ASK RUKA-CHAN TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MISS CAMPUS PAGEANT?

YOU TALKING TO US?

YES YOU GUYS.

I WANT YOU GUYS TO HELP ME WITH SOMETHING.

Miss Campus STAFF

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THE CONTESTANTS WE HAVE LACK A CERTAIN "IMPACT."

IMPACT?

OF COURSE THEY NEED A GIRL WITH A BIG RACK

PLEASE WORK SOMETHING OUT!

RUKA-SAN IS IN CHARGE OF OUR SHOW.

SHE DOESN'T HAVE TIME FOR A PAGEANT.

I REFUSE.

NO, CAN DO.

YOU COULD BE DATING MISS CAMPUS, YOU KNOW?

BUT THINK ABOUT IT,

OH COME ON MAN! IT WOULD HAVE BEEN COOL. WE CAN CHEER HER ON AND EVERYTHING.

THAT IS LIKE ULTIMATE BRAGGING RIGHTS FOR A GUY.

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THIS ISN'T A JOKE! A GIRL WITH A HUGE RACK?

THAT'S INSULTING TO HER.

IS THAT WHAT YOU'RE WORRIED ABOUT?

More so if she became Miss Campus

ALSO IT'LL BE A PROBLEM IF I END UP WITH MORE RIVALS...

IT IS NOT LIKE IT'S ALREADY DECIDED THAT WE ARE DATING...

THAT WAS HER ANSWER TO MY CONFESSION.

GIVE ME A LITTLE BIT OF TIME.

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I'M NOT SO NAIVE

TO THINK THAT IF I WAIT

I'LL BE REWARDED IN THE END...

HELLO.

IS THAT A TABISEN PHOTO ALBUM?

AH!

YEAH!

AN OLD ONE.

H-HELLO!

I WAS USING IT AS A REFERENCE FOR OUR SHOW.

THIS WAY WE WONT DISGUST OUR CUSTOMERS.

THE LAYOUT CHANGES EVERY YEAR YOU KNOW.

SO COFFEE IT IS.

I WANT A CUP OF TEA. DO YOU WANT ANYTHING?

SURE WHATEVER IS FINE.

JUST NOW,

WHY DID SHE FREAK OUT AND HIDE THAT ALBUM...?

OH I SEE.

GRANPA, YOU BETTER COME UP WITH A WAY TO GET CUSTOMERS TOO.

I'M CERTAIN,

THAT OVER THERE IS AN OLD PICTURE OF RUKA'S EX BOYFRIEND. THE RUMORED FORMER MEMBER OF TABISEN...

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I'M LEAVING YOU IN CHARGE.

OK

RUKA!

LET'S GO TO THE LEADER'S MEETING

IF I WANT TO KNOW,

I CAN EASILY DO SO.

IF I WANT TO FIND OUT.

I HAVE A WAY.

RUKA!

ABOUT THE PICTURES FOR THE PANELS...

POCKET ALBUM

POCKET ALBUM

RUKA!

ABOUT THE BILLBOARD DESIGN...

RUKA-CHAN! WHERE DO YOU WANT THIS?

THE PROPOSAL ISN'T DONE YET!

SEN

RUKA!!

RUKA!

WE'RE ALSO LOOKING FOR HER.

WHERE DID SHE GO?

TABISEN

BUT THERE'S JUST ONE THING,

I DON'T HAVE THE COURAGE TO LOOK INTO HER PAST.

SIGH

SHE SAID SHE WOULDN'T GO TO CLASS AT A BUSY TIME LIKE THIS.

SHE DIDN'T CALL ME BACK OR REPLY TO ANY OF MY TEXTS. IS SHE IN CLASS?

AS WE GO DEEPER INTO FALL,

THE HUSTLE AND BUSTLE OF SCHOOL FESTIVAL PREPARATIONS INCREASE.

SHE SHOULD HAVE SAID WHERE SHE WAS GOING.

THERE SHE IS!

AH.

THERE HAS BEEN NO REAL PROGRESS.

ALTHOUGH WE HAVE BEEN INTERACTING A LOT LATELY,

HOLD UP!

RU-

LOOK OVER THERE.

WHERE!?

It's our mark

!

IT'S CONFESSION TIME...

!?

CON...

IT HAPPENS A LOT

SHE'S QUITE POPULAR WITH THE GUYS.

TABISEN

GET ONCE

SOMEONE MIGHT STEAL HER AWAY, YOU KNOW?

YOU BETTER BE ON YOUR TOES.

TABISEN

IT HAPPENS A LOT?

IT...

BUT IT'S TOO EARLY TO RELAX!

IT'S GREAT THAT YOU'RE BACK ON SPEAKING TERMS,

SO BASI-CALLY,

I DON'T HAVE TIME TO RELAX

NO MATTER HOW MUCH OTHERS TRY TO HELP,

NOTHING WILL HAPPEN UNLESS YOU MAKE A MOVE.

IT'S NOT LIKE I WAS PLANNING TO.

TABISEN

TABISEN

WITH ALL THESE RIVALS.

OR WORRY ABOUT HER PAST

I DON'T HAVE ANY OTHER CHOICE BUT TO WAIT.

SHE TOLD ME TO GIVE HER "TIME"

BUT...

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OH?

ARE YOU PLAYING HOOKY FROM THE PREPARA-TIONS?

NACHI!

Oh geez

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GRAN-PA KOMA ...

ALSO I NEVER ASKED FOR ANYONE TO HELP EITHER.

YOU SAW THAT?

I WAS OUT LOOKING FOR YOU AND HAD TO WAIT UNTIL CONFESSION TIME ENDED.

DID HE SAY ANYTHING?

EH?

YEAH AND SO DID GRANPA KOMA.

BUT HE WENT ON AHEAD TO THE CLUB.

CAN YOU TELL HIM,

THAT I TURNED THAT GUY DOWN?

HELL NO.

YOU CAN TELL HIM YOURSELF.

NOTHING IN PARTICULAR.

HE SEEMS THE TYPE TO BOTTLE THINGS UP THOUGH.

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I CAN'T BRING UP THAT KIND OF SUBJECT!

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I CAN'T! I CAN'T DO THAT!!

I'M ALREADY TRYING MY HARDEST JUST TO TALK NORMALLY WITH HIM AS IS!

JEEZ THE TWO OF THEM...

HOW DO YOU EXPECT TO GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER?

IF YOU DON'T TALK ABOUT THAT STUFF,

ABISEN

IF YOU'RE OKAY WITH THAT RUKA,

I WON'T INTERFERE ANYMORE.

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SURE.

RUKA,

I MADE THE SHIFT SCHEDULES FOR THE SHOW AND FOOD STAND.

CARE TO TAKE A LOOK?

I THINK IT'S FINE...

YEAH? COOL.

ALL MY BREAKS COINCIDE WITH GRANPA'S...

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BYE...

SEE YOU LATER!

NONE OF THEM EVEN HAVE A 5TH PERIOD.

THEY ALL LEFT IN A HURRY SO GRANPA AND I SPEND OUR REGULAR SHIFT ALONE TOGETHER.

WELL,

TIME FOR MY 5TH PERIOD CLASS.

I HAVE A PARTY TO GO TO.

ME TOO!

AH ME TOO!

hz.

IT WAS SO BLATANT

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HELLO

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HELLO.

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UM...

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YOU GO FIRST...

IT'S ALRIGHT.

OH NO.

PLEASE GO FIRST...

AH!

I TURNED THAT GUY DOWN.

ABOUT... YESTERDAY...

THE ONLY PERSON

I WANT WAITING FOR AN ANSWER IS YOU.

GRANPA...

UM...

THAT'S ...

HAVE YOU EVER CONFESSED TO SOME-ONE...

AND BEEN REJECTED?

YES...

I HAVE ...

I...

DID YOU MOVE ON RIGHT AWAY?

THAT WAS SOMETHING...

AH...

I WANTED TO ASK HER MYSELF.

WHY.

I COULD TELL

IS SHE ASKING ME THIS. ?

THEY WEREN'T INTERESTED FROM THE START

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I FELT KIND OF RE FRESHED

NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT

AFTER BEING TURNED DOWN

THAT

HE WANTED TO BE WITH ME

I WAS CONFIDENT

I'M TRYING TO FORGET ABOUT HIM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

I REALLY AM.

BUT HE HAD NO INTENTION AT ALL.

EVEN SO IT WAS DEVASTATING BEING COMPLETELY REJECTED

EVEN AFTER 6 MONTHS,

I STILL HAVEN'T GIVEN UP ON HIM.

I'LL WAIT NO MATTER HOW LONG...

I'LL...

.....

I...

"I'LL HELP YOU FORGET ABOUT HIM"

OKAY...

A MUCH BETTER ANSWER...

WOULD HAVE BEEN...

CHAPTER 11
SCHOOL FESTIVAL

YEAH.

YOU DON'T HAVE TO COME.

BY THE WAY,

ISN'T YOUR SCHOOL FESTIVAL TOMORROW?

IT'S NOT LIKE I WAS GOING TO SAY WANTED TO GO.

GOOD

SO DON'T SHOW UP.

I GUESS ...

I'LL GO THEN.

HMM ...

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WHEN YOU PUT IT THAT WAY,

I WANT TO GO EVEN MORE!

DON'T COME!

YOU BETTER NOT SHOW UP!

I'LL INVITE KOTONO AS WELL.

OH YEAH!

MMP!

THE LAST DAY SHOULD BE THE MOST EXCITING R.GHT?

EITHER WAY I'LL BE THERE.

I DIDN'T SAY THAT YOU CAN GO!

MY FIRST COLLEGE SCHOOL FESTIVAL,

I'LL BE ATTENDING WITH MIXED FEELINGS.

霜月祭

WOW!

LOOK AT ALL THE FOOD STANDS!

AH! LOOK! THEY ARE EVEN SELLING BEER!

JUST WHAT I EXPECTED OF COLLEGE!

DON'T SPACE OUT AND GET SEPARATED, KOTONO.

OKAY!

YUU-KUN. KOTONO-CHAN.

OVER HERE! THIS WAY!

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TABISEN

GRANPA KOMA IS PART OF OUR SHOW OVER IN BUILDING 9.

I THINK IT'S ALMOST TIME FOR HIS BREAK SO GO THERE.

HMM?

WHERE IS MY BROTHER?

YAY! HAVEN'T SEEN YOU IN A WHILE NACHI-SAN. ♡

HAVE FUN YOU TWO. ♡

WE'RE GOING TO EAT YAKISOBA NOW.

THANKS

WE'LL STOP BY LATER.

BOOM

TOO BAD! HE'S PROBABLY TAKEN!

AANHH ♡

JUST LIKE YOU SAID GRANPA'S LITTLE BROTHER IS GORGEOUS.

WALK SLOWER!

IF YOU REALLY FALL FOR HIM YOU'RE IN FOR SOME PAIN...

A GUY LIKE THAT IS BETTER OFF AS EYE CANDY.

PLEASE GO IN AND RELAX.

THE VENUE FOR TRAVEL AND HOT SPRINGS ENTHUSIAST IS THIS WAY.

BIS

WE WANT YOU TO PARTICIPATE IN OUR CONTESTS!

ALSO PLEASE ENJOY OUR PING PONG SHOW!

HERE YOU CAN FIND OUT ALL ABOUT

SECRET HOT SPRING SPOTS AND DIRT CHEAP INNS!

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THE WINNER SHALL RECEIVE TABISEN'S FAMOUS "HOT SPRING EGG YAKISOBA"!

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AND YOUR OPPONENTS WILL BE...

THE PING PONG PRINCE,

AND

THE PING PONG DARK LORD.

BOTH OF THEM ARE VERY STRONG!

FEMALE CHALLENGERS CAN OPT FOR A HANDICAP.

WHERE THE TWO OF THEM WILL USE THIS BATTLEDORE INSTEAD

PLANNING AND COSTUMES
RINA AND RENA KURAHASHI

TOTALLY LAME!!

LAME!

WHY DID THEY SHOW UP...?

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HELLO!
IT'S BEEN A WHILE!
HERE ARE SOME REFRESHMENTS

THE REASON I AM NOT FEELING VERY FESTIVE
IS NOT BECAUSE I'M WEARING THIS RIDICULOUS GETUP. (ALTHOUGH THAT IS PART OF IT)

ALL THE FLOWER TAKERS-IN ARE MAKERS VISITING GETTING ON MY NERVES
WE'LL GO ON AHEAD TO THE CLUB ROOM
IT IS BECAUSE OF

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RUKA AND GRANPA.

TIME FOR YOUR BREAK!

THE FORMER MEMBER WHO REJECTED RUKA-SAN.

"This sucks I lost to the battledore

AH

But now some snack, Prince

ALRIGHT ...

THANK YOU ...

YOU TWO CAN HAVE THESE TICKETS FOR THE TEA CLUB'S "OPEN AIR" TEA CEREMONY

ANOTHER BLATANT ATTEMPT..

I THINK HE MIGHT SHOW UP TODAY...

THE GUY SHE CAN'T SEEM TO FORGET ABOUT EVEN NOW.

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YEAH ...

YOUR BROTHER AND KOTONO-CHAN ARE HERE.

SHOULDN'T YOU SHOW THEM AROUND?

OH YEAH.

JUST LET THEM BE.

LOOKS LIKE THEY WENT SOMEWHERE ELSE.

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NO PROB.

THERE'S TENSION IN THE AIR.

THANKS FOR WAITING.

BUT STILL

IT'S COMPLI-CATED...

I DIDN'T KNOW. BY "OPEN AIR" THEY MEANT SITTING OUTSIDE AND DRINKING TEA..

I'M REALLY HAPPY TO SPEND TIME ALONE WITH HER.

茶部

野点
三百円
薄茶
お菓子

スターマッスル コンテスト

WHAT SHOULD WE DO FOR LUNCH?

THERE ARE PLENTY OF FOOD STANDS,

OR WE CAN GO BACK TO THE CLUB ROOM. THERE'S PLENTY OF FOOD THERE TOO.

I ALSO WANT TO INTRODUCE YOU TO SOME OF FORMER TABISEN MEMBERS.

I'M...

THAT'S OKAY.

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IF THERE'S SOMEONE YOU WANT TO SEE,

YOU CAN GO BY YOURSELF.

TABISEN

GRANPA
...

SO YOU ALREADY KNEW.

THAT HE WAS A FORMER MEMBER...

I SEE...

HE'S NOT COMING THOUGH.

HE'S NOT IN JAPAN AT THE MOMENT.

NO...

A BACK-PACKER...

EH...?

TABISEN

HE'S A HARDCORE BACKPACKER.

DID YOU KNOW ABOUT THAT TOO?

IT SEEMS THAT GUY IS QUITE DIFFERENT.

TABISEN

THAT IS

SOMEONE WHO LOVES JAPAN'S TOPOGRAPHY AND HOT SPRINGS.

SHOULD ...

I EXPLAIN IT IN DETAIL?

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SEN

TAB.SEN

SEN

NO ...

*SFX STOMACH GROWL

AH!

LOOK IN FRONT OF YOU!

F-FOR NOW...

LET'S GO BACK TO THE CLUB ROOM AND GET SOME FOOD.

I'M SORRY...

Ack!

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YOUR PANTIES ARE SHOWING!

HEY MIKA!!

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KA-?

KOMAI-SAN....!?

NO WAY...

KO...

THE MIDDLE SCHOOLER I MET IN SEPTEMBER!!

IT'S ME MIKA! YOU REMEMBER ME!?

THIS GIRL...!

WHAT A COINCIDENCE!!

YOU KNOW HER?

WHO IS THIS WOMAN!?

AND WHY ARE YOU WEARING MATCHING OUT OF STYLE SWEATSHIRTS!

AH...

I GO TO THIS SCHOOL.

OH CRAP!

AND SHE IS AN UPPERCLASSMAN FROM MY CLUB.

THIS SWEATSHIRT IS PART OF OUR SCHOOL FESTIVAL UNIFORM.

HOW SHOULD I EXPLAIN THIS TO RUKA-SAN ...?

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SHE'S NOT YOUR "GIRLFRIEND" RIGHT?

Go for it Mika-nin!

WE'LL BE OVER BY THE STAGE.

OK SEE YOU LATER.

WE'RE GOING TO HANG OUT ALONE TOGETHER!

I HAVE SOMETHING IMPORTANT TO TELL YOU!

THEN!

I'M SORRY RUKA-SAN.

I'LL TRY TO MAKE IT BACK

BEFORE THE BREAK ENDS...

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WHAT THE HELL!? WHAT'S HER PROBLEM!?

What a bitch!

WHY DID YOU JUST STAND THERE WHILE HE WAS BEING DRAGGED AWAY!!

AREN'T YOU

CONCERNED AT ALL ABOUT MY BROTHER?

YES I AM.

WELL ...

IT'S NOT MY PLACE TO SAY ANYTHING...

BUT EVEN SO.

THEN LET'S GO

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DO SOME RECON!

MY FRIENDS INVITED ME TO THIS FESTIVAL BY CHANCE.

AND BY A STROKE OF LUCK I BUMPED INTO YOU.

NORMALLY THIS SORT OF REUNION IS IMPOSSIBLE!

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THIS HAS TO BE FATE SAYING WE MUST BECOME LOVERS!!

PUSHY GIRL.

FOR REAL.

ABISEN

THIS IS MUST BE FATE!

WITH RUKA-SAN IS AT THE LEVEL OF "DESTINED TO GET MARRIED" THEN.

IN THAT CASE,

THE IMPOSSIBILITY OF MY ENCOUNTER

BISEN

ARE YOU IN LOVE WITH HER?

RUKA-SAN?

THAT WOMAN JUST NOW?

THEN GO CONFESS RIGHT NOW!

IF SHE SAYS OK I'LL GIVE UP.

BUT IF SHE SAYS NO THEN YOU'LL GO OUT WITH ME!

YES, I AM.

STRONGLY PRESSURE HER TO THE END!

THEN AS SOON AS THAT HAPPENS!

I DON'T KNOW WHEN THAT WILL BE.

WOULD YOU BE OKAY WITH THAT?

I ALREADY DID.

RIGHT NOW I'M JUST WAITING FOR HER ANSWER.

SHE HAS...

A GUY SHE CAN'T FORGET ABOUT...

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WHAT'S UP WITH THAT?

WHY MUST YOU WAIT SO LONG FOR AN ANSWER?

COULD BE A MONTH OR HALF A YEAR.

OR EVEN A YEAR MAYBE LONGER.

IT'S UP TO HER.

SHE WON'T BE ABLE TO GIVE ME AN ANSWER UNTIL SHE FINDS CLOSURE...

WHETHER SHE MOVES ON

OR THINGS WORK OUT WITH HIM.

TABISEN

SHE'S NOT MAKING YOU WAIT!

SHE'S JUST LEADING YOU ON FOR HER CONVENIENCE!

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YEAH...

STOP! THAT'S SO UNCOOL KOMAI-SAN!

YOU MIGHT JUST GET REJECTED AFTER WAITING FOR SO LONG.

I'VE NEVER BEEN COOL TO BEGIN WITH.

SHE MUST HAVE SOME FEELINGS FOR ME IF SHE WANTS ME WAIT FOR HER ANSWER.

AND AS LONG AS SHE'S INTERESTED,

I'LL NEVER GIVE UP.

THAT'S WHY.

I WANTED TO SEE YOU ONE MORE TIME.

KOMAI-SAN ...

I THOUGHT YOU WERE MUCH COOLER THAN THIS.

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SORRY, I DIDN'T MEET YOUR EXPECT-ATIONS.

YOU JUST ASSUMED I WAS SINCE I'M OLDER AND IN COLLEGE.

PATHETIC!

INCRE-DIBLY

THAT'S JUST SO UNCOOL.

BUT IF YOU'RE OKAY WITH BEING LED ON.

THAT ...

MIGHT BE IT.

WITH SOMEONE LIKE YOU, KOMAI-SAN!

I DON'T WANT ANYTHING TO DO

YOU WOULDN'T UNDER-STAND!

HOW HE FEELS, HOW RUKA-SAN FEELS, OR EVEN MIKA-CHAN'S FEELINGS!

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...UMM WHY ARE YOU CRYING?

WELL THAT SETTLES THAT.

The overly empathetic type

NO...

THERE'S STILL ONE ISSUE LEFT TO TAKE CARE OF.

THIS IS THE LAST OF IT.

IS COMING TO AN END.

THE WHOLE MIKA-CHAN INCIDENT...

I'M SURE SHE IS SUSPICIOUS ABOUT THAT...

YOU CAN GO ON AHEAD TO THE BONFIRE EVENT.

MAKES ME FEEL A LITTLE LONELY...

THANK YOU.

I HAVE TO GO TO THE FOLK DANCE WITH THE TWINS... (I COULDN'T REFUSE♪)

♪ AH!

YAY! LET'S GO FLIRT THE NIGHT AWAY!! ♪

UM...

ABOUT THIS AFTERNOON...

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OK, GOT IT.

THERE'S NOTHING GOING ON BETWEEN HER AND ME... UMM...

YOU BETTER HURRY UP THE FOLK DANCE IS ABOUT TO START RIGHT?

OH?

SHE ACCEPTED MY EXPLANATION SO EASILY!?

SHE WASN'T WORRIED AT ALL...

WELL...

IF YOU EXCUSE ME...

GRUMPA

THANK YOU.

TABIS

WHAT ...

DON'T MENTION IT.?

WAS IT FOR THE PING PONG PRINCE?

I WASN'T ENTIRELY SURE.

DID SHE MEAN "THANK YOU" FOR?

CHAPTER 12
INVITATION

SHIZUKA!!

I'LL DO ANYTHING TO HELP, OK!

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ALRIGHT THERE'S SOMETHING YOU CAN DO...

I'LL SUPPORT YOUR LOVE!

EVEN MORE SO NOW!!

NONE.

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WHAT CONNECTION IS THERE BETWEEN YOUR LOVE AND MY GRADES?

YOU HAVE EXAMS COMING UP.

YOU CAN SIT DOWN, STUDY, AND GET YOUR GRADES UP FOR ME.

THERE'S NOTHING YOU NEED TO HELP ME WITH.

LEAVING ME ALONE WOULD MAKE ME MOST GRATEFUL.

LIKE CHRISTMAS, NEW YEAR'S TEMPLE VISIT, VALENTINE, ETC...

THERE IS A FLOOD OF EVENTS FOR COUPLES COMING UP!

IF I LEAVE YOU ALONE YOU'LL NEVER MAKE A MOVE!

IT'S BECAUSE OF THAT PERSONALITY OF YOURS, THAT EVERYONE TRIES TO GET INVOLVED IN YOUR BUSINESS...

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DO YOU THINK SOMEONE LIKE ME CAN CAPITALIZE ON TRENDY EVENTS LIKE THAT?

THAT IS BECAUSE OF-

✧ LOVE

OF COURSE!

WHY DO YOU AND YUU

KEEP STICKING YOUR NOSES IN OTHER PEOPLE'S ROMANCES...

UMM. I SEE. THANKS

WE JUST WANT YOU TO BE HAPPY SO WE'RE TRYING OUR BEST TO SUPPORT YOU!

THIS JUST PUTS MORE PRESSURE ON ME.

THE MORE ASHAMED I'LL FEEL IF THIS DOESN'T WORK OUT

BUT TO BE HONEST,

THE MORE YOU GUYS TRY TO SUPPORT ME

YOU SHOULDN'T BE THINKING "IF THIS DOESN'T WORK OUT" OK!!

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT!?

LOOK AT ME!

I'VE BEEN AFTER YUU-CHAN FOR 15 YEARS!

HOW DO YOU THINK I FEEL EVERY TIME HE CHANGES GIRLFRIENDS!?

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THAT'S WHY I'LL DEFINITELY CHANGE HIS MIND ONE DAY!

HE HASN'T TAKEN NOTICE OF ME BECAUSE HE DOES NOT CONSIDER ME GIRLFRIEND MATERIAL.

SHE SEES YOU AS A POTENTIAL BOYFRIEND, RIGHT?

RUKA-SAN HAS ALREADY TAKEN NOTICE OF YOU.

IN YOUR CASE,

OK GOT IT...I'LL THINK ABOUT IT.

Like Dosukoi!!

TAKE HER DOWN!

JUST A LITTLE MORE!

ONE BIG PUSH!

NOW CAN WE GO BACK TO STUDYING..?

TAKE HER DOWN SHIZUKA!!

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I THINK IT'S A BIT PREMATURE TO ASK HER OUT FOR CHRISTMAS

BEING OPTIMISTIC I'M "BOYFRIEND MATERIAL".

WHAT IS HE DOING BACKING THAT ON?

IT'LL BE FINE! SHE'LL DEFINITELY SAY OK!!

BEING PESSIMISTIC I'M "BEING LED ON".

THAT IS MY CURRENT SITUATION.

IT'LL JUST BE BOTHERSOME, RIGHT? PROBABLY PROBLEMATIC, RIGHT? OR SHE WILL JUST PULL BACK, RIGHT?

SIGH ...

I'M SUCH A PESSIMIST ...

EVEN IF SHE DID SAY YES,

I CAN'T HELP BUT THINK SHE'LL REFUSE...

GRAN-PA.

YOU WALK ...

TOO FAST...

YOU DON'T HAVE CLASS RIGHT?

LET'S GO DRINK SOME TEA.

DO YOU HAVE ANY PLANS FOR THE WINTER BREAK?

GRANPA,

OR GOING SKIING WITH MY FRIENDS FROM MY HIGH SCHOOL CLUB.

DON'T KNOW WHICH ONE TO PICK.

I'M TRYING TO DECIDE BETWEEN,

NACHI-SAN'S PLAN FOR A ONE NIGHT CRAB EATING TOUR

MAYBE I CAN TRY ASKING HER OUT...

A FORMER FEMALE MEMBER,

WITH ...

WHAT ABOUT YOU RUKA-SAN?

THE FLOW OF THIS CONVER-SATION...

HM...

SHE MARRIED SOMEONE WHO RUNS HOT SPRING HOTEL.

SO SHE'S LETTING ME WORK AT THAT HOTEL FOR THE WINTER BREAK!

AS AN EVERY YEAR CUSTOM SHE ASKS 2-3 PEOPLE FROM TABISEN TO HELP OUT DURING THE BUSY WINTER SEASON.

THAT'S GREAT...

OH...

THAT'S ...

WOULD YOU LIKE TO GO WITH ME?

GRANPA

YOU WORK EARLY IN THE MORNING, AND THERE'S A TON OF STUFF YOU HAVE TO LEARN TO DO.

IT'S A TOUGH JOB BUT!

GUESS WHAT!

FOR A MO-MENT

I DIDN'T UNDERSTAND THE MEANING OF WHAT SHE WAS SAYING.

HUH ?

EVERY DAY YOU KNOW!?

YOU CAN GO INTO A HOT SPRING EVERY DAY!

EVERY DAY...

SO LET'S GO! OK? OK?

YEAH AS IF THAT WILL HAPPEN.

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TOGETHER WITH RUKA-SAN ...

LET ME ...

THINK ABOUT IT PLEASE...

AT A HOT SPRING...

HEY YUU...

I WAS BEWILDERED BY HER UNEXPECTED AGGRESSIVE INVITATION.

GOING SOMEWHERE?

HM?

WOULD YOU BE ALRIGHT IF I LEFT YOU HOME ALONE FOR WINTER BREAK?

THAT'S FINE.

I can always go to a convenience store

I ALSO DON'T CARE IF THE HOUSE GETS DIRTY.

YOU HAVE YOUR ENTRANCE EXAMS SOON.

SO YOU'RE NOT FREE TO HANDLE HOUSE WORK ON YOUR OWN RIGHT?

I WAS INVITED TO WORK AT A LIVE-IN POSITION.

SO YOU PLANNED ON BEING A RONIN FROM THE START.

I just want to have fun!

AND BESIDES BRO!

I DON'T WANT TO GO TO COLLEGE!

YOU WANT TO GO RIGHT?

JUST GO!

SO LET'S GO! OK? OK?

I DON'T REALLY HAVE ANY REASON NOT TO GO.

IF I GO I CAN BE WITH HER EVERY DAY.

IF I DON'T I WON'T SEE HER AT ALL DURING WINTER BREAK.

I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU WOULD INVITE HIM...

I'M AFRAID MY EXPECTATIONS WILL INEVITABLY

RISE.

YOU DON'T THINK HE'S SUITABLE FOR IT?

HE'S SERIOUS, RESPONSIBLE, STRONG, AND HAS GOOD MANNERS.

HE HAS HIS LICENSE, AND WAS PART OF A SPORTS CLUB SO HE ALSO HAS STAMINA.

YOU JUST WANT TO WORK WITH HIM RIGHT?

I WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT HIM.

LIKE HOW HE IS OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL.

YUP I DO

I WANT TO SEE ANOTHER SIDE OF HIM.

DID SOMETHING HAPPEN?

WHAT BROUGHT ON THIS CHANGE OF HEART?

THAT'S A SECRET!

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GRANPA!

WHAT ARE YOU WORRIED ABOUT?

THE JOB RESPONSIBILITIES?

SO? DID YOU THINK ABOUT IT?

I'M SORRY -

I STILL HAVEN'T DECIDED.

I...DON'T HAVE ANY EXPERIENCE IN THE SERVICE INDUSTRY

SO I DON'T WANT TO BE RUDE TO THE GUESTS...

I'LL BE TOGETHER WITH HER.

I CAN'T TELL HER THAT IT'S BECAUSE,

BESIDES MEN DON'T REALLY DEAL WITH THE FEMALE GUESTS.

I THINK THAT AS LONG AS YOU HAVE THAT KIND OF ATTITUDE YOU'LL BE FINE.

UM...

ARE WE THE ONLY TWO GOING?

ASK THE PREZ ABOUT IT SINCE HE WENT LAST YEAR AND THE YEAR BEFORE THAT

OK...

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NACHI HAS A BOYFRIEND THIS YEAR SO SHE EXPECTS TO BE DOING VARIOUS BOYFRIEND GIRLFRIEND ACTIVITIES.

THEY ASKED FOR ONE GUY AND TWO GIRLS.

AS OF NOW I'M THE ONLY APPLICANT.

GIRLS HAVE TO WAKE UP EVERY DAY AT 5AM SO THAT'S A BIT OF A BOTTLENECK.

SHE HAS ALSO WORKED THERE 3 TIMES ALREADY

SHE'S ALMOST DONE WITH SCHOOL AND IS NOT REALLY JOB HUNTING YET.

MIKE-SAN AND I.

IT'LL PROBABLY BE THE SAME GIRLS AS LAST YEAR.

I'M SURE IT'LL BE FUN WITH THE THREE OF US.

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WELL I YEARN FOR MY FUTON DURING THIS SEASON!

Ta-ha

So I don't wake up at night

HOW DID YOU MANAGE TO INCREASE ALL THESE TERRIBLE GRADES?

世界史A 52

理科総合 45

数学I 38

DON'T BE SATISFIED BY SUCH LOW GRADES!

You're terrible!

HUH!? BUT I DIDN'T GET ANY RED MARKS!?

WITH THIS ...

YOU'LL END UP GETTING EXTRA LESSONS FOR WINTER BREAK.

PLEASE CONSIDER IT FROM MY PERSPECTIVE AS I WAS HIRED TO TUTOR YOU...

MY DREAM IS TO BE YUU-CHAN'S WIFE, OK?

OH SPEAKING OF JOBS!

SO I DON'T NEED ANY ACADEMIC BACKGROUND.

I HEARD FROM NACHI-SAN THAT YOU AND RUKA-SAN ARE GOING TO BE WORKING TOGETHER? ♡

H-HEY!

I'M NOT GOING.

I CAN'T LEAVE KNOWING YOU GOT SUCH CRAPPY GRADES.

YOU HAVE TO GO!

THIS IS YOUR BIG CHANCE!!

SHE'S STARTING TO FALL FOR YOU!

SHE INVITED YOU, RIGHT?

THAT'S PROOF SHE'S STARTING TO LIKE YOU!

KOTONO!

HUH...?

STOP STIRRING THINGS UP SO IRRESPONSIBLY.

PLEASE

YOU OBVIOUSLY DON'T KNOW.

BUT RUKA-SAN HAS..

"A GUY SHE CAN'T FORGET ABOUT"?

WE HEARD EVERYTHING WHEN YOU WERE TALKING WITH MIKA-CHAN.

I KNOW. SO?

WE HEARD EVERYTHING INCLUDING

YOUR HOT FEELINGS!

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W-W-W-WH...!!

AFTER HEARING THOSE LINES.

OF COURSE RUKA-SAN WOULD START TO FALL FOR YOU.

IT WAS SO GRIPPING.

"I'VE NEVER BEEN COOL TO BEGIN WITH."

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OH MY! SO COOL!

"AND AS LONG AS SHE'S INTERESTED,"

"I'LL NEVER GIVE UP!"

THANK YOU.

KOTONO, YUU, AND RUKA-SAN

HEARD EVERYTHING THAT DAY...

MAD SHIZUKA?

ARE YOU

I'LL TAKE THAT JOB.

NO.

I FEEL LIKE EVERYTHING IS EXPOSED.

I'LL RECEIVE HUGE DAMAGE BUT

AREN'T MET

IF MY EXPECTA-TIONS

WHILE I'M GONE TAKE CARE OF YUU.

IT WON'T BE THE FIRST TIME I'VE BEEN UNCOOL.

I WILL!
I'LL TAKE GOOD CARE OF YUU-CHAN, YOUR PICKLING BED, AND BONSAI TREE TOO!

神戸電鉄 有馬温泉駅
KOBE DENTETSU ARIMA ONSEN

DISPATCHING THE TABISEN TROOPS

IN ARIMA!!

LET'S LEAVE OUR BAGS, HEAD FOR THE OFFICE, AND AFTER SAYING OUR GREETINGS WE'LL ATTACK THE OPEN AIR BATH PRIVATE RUKA!!

I'VE BEEN DREAMING OF COMING HERE FOR OVER A YEAR NOW COMMANDER MIKE!

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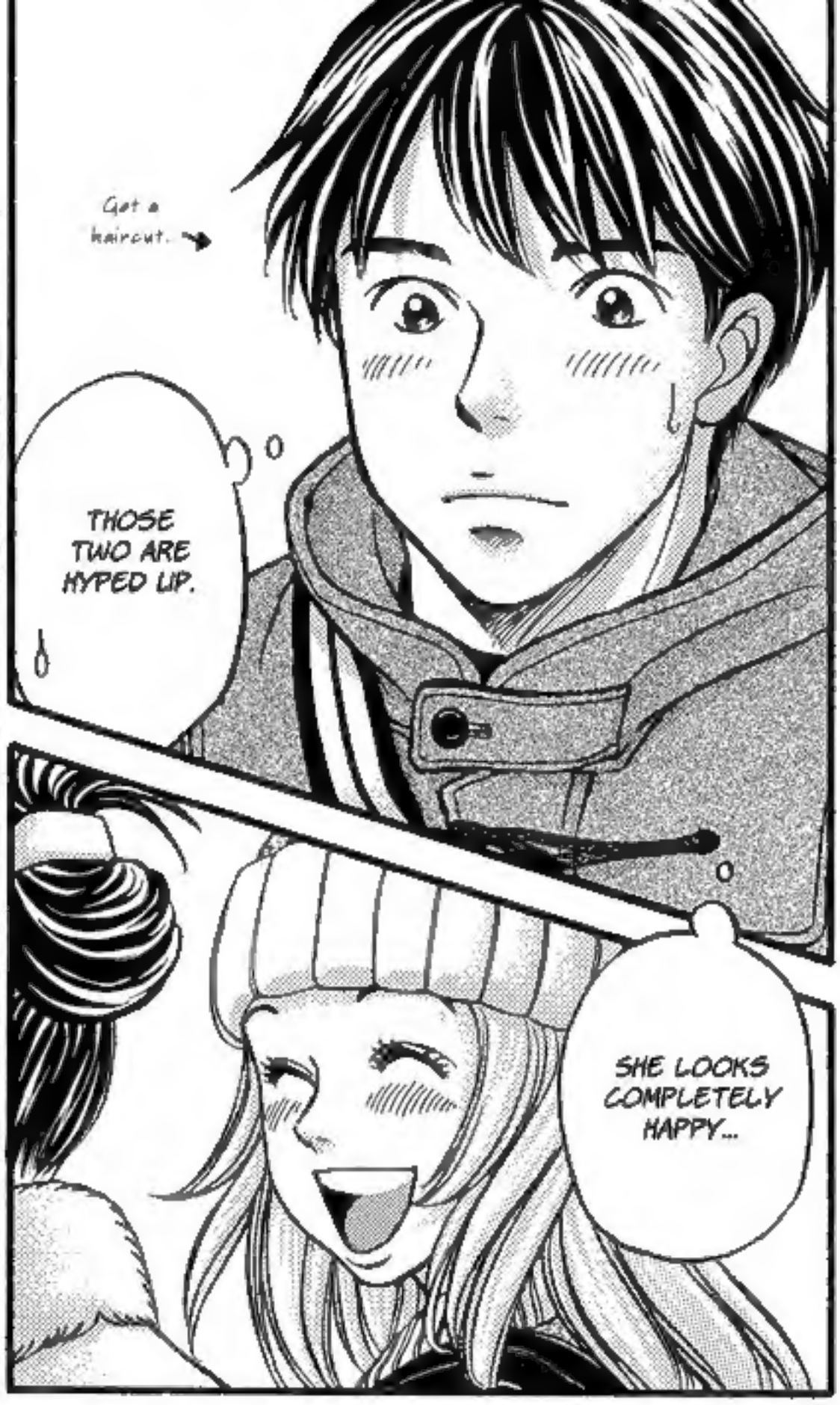
THAT'S THE MEN'S DORMITORY.
I HEARD YOU'LL BE SHARING A ROOM WITH ONE OF THE WORKERS.


Got a haircut.
THOSE TWO ARE HYPED UP.
SHE LOOKS COMPLETELY HAPPY...

I'M FEELING NERVOUS ALL THE SUDDEN.
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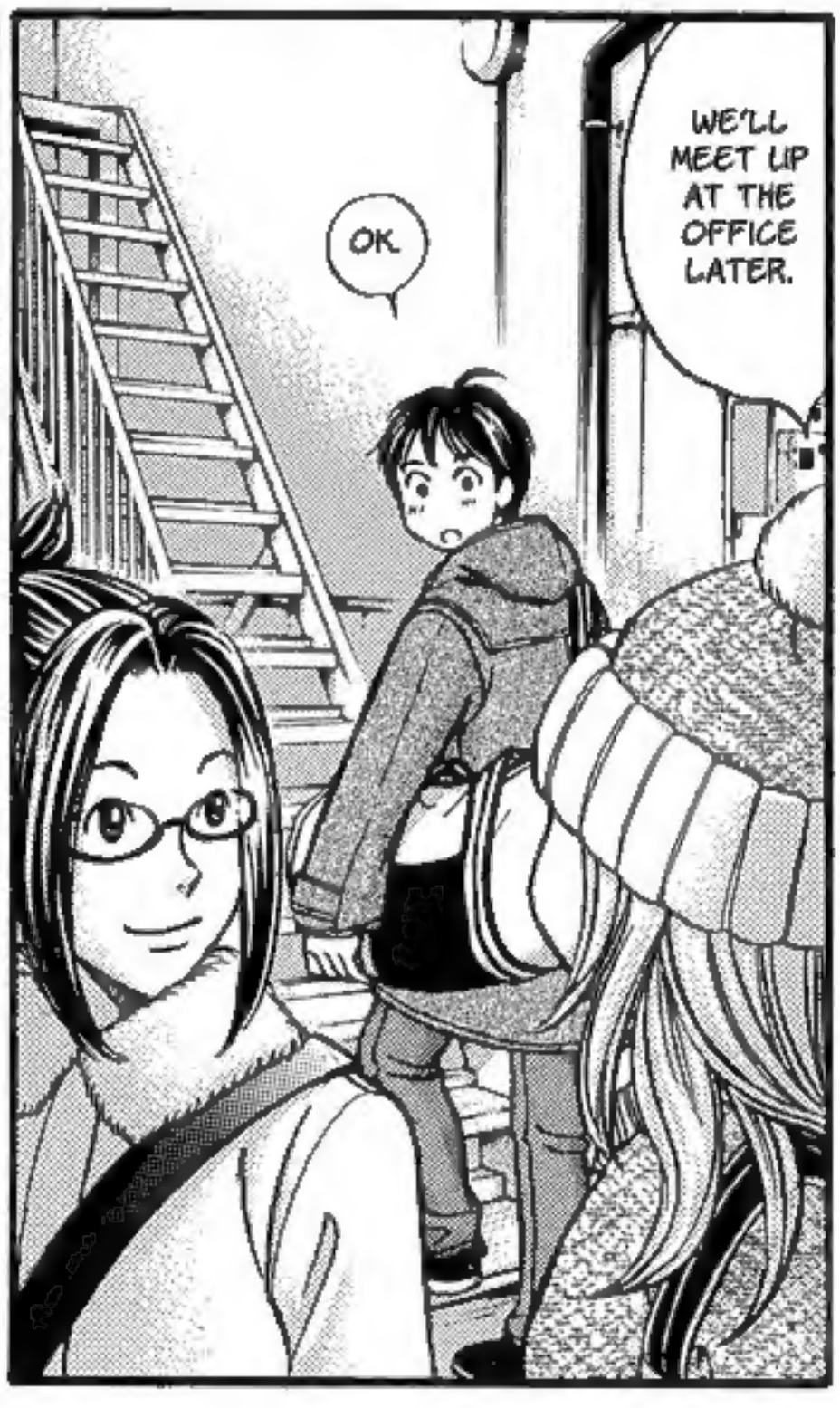
OK.
WE'LL MEET UP AT THE OFFICE LATER.

OH
YES?
COME IN THE DOOR IS OPEN.
I'M KOMAI WHO WILL BE WORKING HERE STARTING TODAY.

PARDON THE INTRUSION ...

HELLO

AH

THE CURTAIN OPENS ON "MY LIFE AT A HOT SPRING HOTEL".

HELLO ...

HE-

AND SO FOR THE FIRST TIME,

END OF VOLUME 2

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NAKANO JUNKO

中野純子